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### ***Philharmonic Annual Meeting***

**August 20, 2018 (Columbus, Ind.)** – The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic’s Annual Meeting will take place Monday, August 27, 2018 at the Columbus Area Visitors Center, 506 5<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Columbus. Complimentary appetizers and beverages will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. Robert S. Kaspar, Managing Principal of The Windsor Group based in Indianapolis will be the Keynote Speaker for the meeting, bringing his perspective on the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, the unexpected, unforgettable organization in the unexpected, unforgettable town.

Board President Sharon Sung Andrews will lead the business meeting with reports including artistic achievements, season highlights, educational milestones and operating results from fiscal year 2017. Nominees for open board positions and the proposed slate of officers will be voted upon as a part of the meeting.

As a part of the meeting the Stephenson|Gan Duo will provide musical entertainment. Pianist Timothy Stephenson is the guest artist for the Philharmonic’s February concert and violinist Jia-Rong Gan is a member of the Philharmonic orchestra. Using chamber music as a platform for cultural diversity, Gan founded Stephenson|Gan, a violin and piano duo that seeks to promote diversity and equality on the concert stage. Each award winning musicians in their own right, the duo was awarded First Prize in the Great Composers – Art of Chamber Music Competition and most recently made their Carnegie Hall debut with a showcase recital in Weill Recital Hall., recently made their debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

### **ABOUT ROBERT S. KASPAR**

Bob is Managing Principal of The Windsor Group. Bob holds memberships in the Financial Planning Association, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Indiana CPA Society. Bob also possesses several securities industry licenses. He holds B.S. degrees in accounting and management from Ball State University, which he completed in 1981.

Bob is no stranger to the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, having served as the Philharmonic's Board President from 1991 – 1993. Currently, Bob serves as non-executive chairman of the board of National Advisors Trust Company, an \$8 billion independent trust company located in Overland Park, Kansas. Bob is also a director of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Foundation, trustee of University High School of Indiana, trustee of The Lacy Foundation and member of the MusicCrossroads Steering Committee. Bob is past chairman of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, served as president of the United Methodist Foundation of Indiana and chair of the statewide Indiana Humanities Council and The Learning Collaborative.

Ball State University honored Bob with a 2010 Award of Achievement from the Miller College of Business. The Indianapolis Symphony awarded the 2010 Mallett Ambassador Award to Bob and his wife for their leadership and support of the ISO in the Indianapolis community. The Indiana CPA Society awarded Bob with the 2004 Outstanding Public Service Award. The Lacy Leadership Association awarded the 2001 Edna B. Lacy Community Service Award to Bob for his community leadership in Indianapolis. The Indianapolis Business Journal named Bob to the "40 Under 40" listing in 1998. Ball State University honored Bob as one of its 75 Outstanding Young Alumnus award recipients in 1994.

#### **ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC**

Started in 1987 under the auspices of Columbus Pro Musica, Inc., the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic and David Bowden have received local, state, national and international recognition, winning five ASCAP awards and consistently receiving rave reviews for their performances. With a full complement of concerts and music education programs, the Philharmonic is proud to be one of the arts organizations that contribute to the rich quality of life enjoyed by residents of Columbus and surrounding communities.

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